

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2005-217-WS - ORDER NO. 2012-962  
DECEMBER 21, 2012

IN RE: Application of Utilities Services of South	)	ORDER APPROVING
Carolina, Inc. for Adjustment of Rates and	)	PASS-THROUGH RATES
Charges and Modifications to Certain Terms	)	AFTER NOTICE TO
and Conditions for the Provision of Water	)	CUSTOMERS
and Sewer Service	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) by way of two November 27, 2012, letters from Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. (“USSC” or the “Company”) requesting that we approve increases in the bulk water pass-through charges for the Dutchman Shores Subdivision in Lexington County, the Dutch Village and Raintree Acres Subdivisions in Richland County, and the Barney Rhett and Hickory Hill Subdivisions in York County. Pass-through charges are billed to the Company’s customers without mark-up. The Company’s bulk water provider is the City of Columbia (“Columbia”) for the Dutchman Shores, Dutch Village, and Raintree Acres Subdivisions, and the City of Rock Hill (“Rock Hill”) is the bulk water provider for the Barney Rhett and Hickory Hill Subdivisions. USSC states that it has not passed these requested bulk rates through to the customers in these Subdivisions, but seeks permission from this Commission to do so prospectively.

Under Order No. 2006-22 (January 1, 2006), which approved USSC’s current rates and charges in this Docket, the Company is required to follow the procedures set

forth by Order No. 2002-285 (April 18, 2002) in Docket No. 2001-164-W/S for increases in the amount of purchased bulk water pass-through charges. These procedures, found on page 9 of the tariff attached to Order No. 2002-285, obligate the Company to furnish the Commission with proof of the basis for the adjustment and billing method at least sixty (60) days prior to the proposed billing date. In addition, the procedures also obligate the Company to furnish customers with thirty (30) days prior written notice of a purchased water adjustment, which advises them of the basis for the billing adjustment and its effective date.


We have examined the proposed bulk water pass-through increases, and hold that the new proposed bulk water pass-through rates will become effective after the expiration of thirty (30) days notice to the customers in the named Subdivisions.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

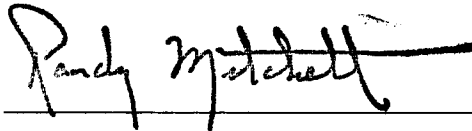
1. That the bulk water pass-through rates in question are approved and will become effective after the expiration of thirty (30) days notice to the customers in the named Subdivisions.

2. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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David A. Wright, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Randy Mitchell, Vice Chairman  
(SEAL)